

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 999 - HB 1358**

March 14, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the admittance of documents or statements based on nursing home inspections in civil actions involving patient injury claims due to an act or omission by a nursing home, its employees or contractors, unless:

- determined by a judge to be admissible under the Tennessee Rules of Evidence
- directly relate to the claim(s)
- establish a pattern and practice of activity that is the basis for the claim

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **MINIMAL**

Bill does not impact state or local government tort liability limits.

Any potential reduction in damage awards that may involve local government owned nursing homes cannot be determined but is estimated to not materially impact local governments.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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